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## Student defends report to city council



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**Engineering senior Andrea Resch addresses the Morro Bay City Council Monday.**

By Megan Shearn and  
Kim Tahsuda

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Environmental engineering senior Andrea Resch took her fight against Duke Energy's Morro Bay Power Plant modernization to Morro Bay's city council meeting Monday.

"I wanted to introduce myself and put a face to the name," Resch said.

Resch published a report with engineering senior Karla Spencer for their English 218 Professional Writing class last quarter. The report compared 1998 emissions at the plant with projected numbers and found that most pollutants increase in terms of tons per year. Duke Energy has responded with criticism against the methods of comparison.

Resch attended the meeting with

her English professor, Melody DeMeritt.

DeMeritt asked Resch to appear at the meeting and "show that she is a bright and competent environmental engineer," she said.

During her speech Resch said, "The (report) provides the people of Morro Bay with new information about how the plant will affect air pollution. I encourage the citizens and the city council to investigate more."

Dave Elliott, vice mayor of Morro Bay, declined to discuss the report because he said the council hasn't had a chance to discuss the issue.

Duke plans to get rid of the existing power plant, its three smoke stacks and all seven oil tanks in a two-phase construction project.

During Phase I, a combined-cycle plant will be built on the rear of the

property. In addition, Phase I will involve construction of two new 145-foot stacks and possible removal of one existing stack by 2003.

All of the existing 450-foot stacks will come down during Phase II by 2013.

In a letter to the mayor and city council members, Mark Seedall, Duke Energy's director of electric modernization, said that statistics provided by Duke in the report only apply to Phase I of the project, not to the recently developed Phase II. In addition, charts in the report show average emissions in the past compared to maximum emissions in the future.

"They are an apples to oranges comparison," Seedall wrote in the letter.

Resch said she was disappointed by the general reaction to the report.

"I was saddened to hear that people put down this report because it was done by students. I based all my emissions calculations on information I received from (Air Pollution Control District)," Resch said.

After her speech, she added, "I just wanted them to take me seriously. That was the part I was really offended by."

Spencer echoed Resch's frustration. "(The council has asked) us questions if we were paid for the report or who solicited it," Spencer said.

DeMeritt said, "Andrea and Karla are good students. They don't deserve to be ignored, smeared or misread. They will be the people I hope are leading our cities, states and country in the future."

## Judicial Affairs questions students after CPTV report

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A CPTV-produced news magazine show has prompted a Judicial Affairs investigation.

Last December, Y? Magazine aired a piece on the date rape drug Rohypnol. Two journalism students who investigated the story were questioned by Judicial Affairs Tuesday.

Senior Julie Burns, one of the two reporters questioned, said the meeting with Judicial Affairs was held because of a simple misunderstanding.

Burns and sophomore Ellie Koscheski were researching the effects of Rohypnol, or "roofies" as it is commonly known, for their segment. The idea for the project came from Koscheski, who believes she was given the drug at a Sigma Chi

fraternity party last quarter.

They interviewed Safer Program Adviser Erin Duran at the Women's Center about the effects of the drug.

However, Burns said it was not clear to Duran if the students had approached the Women's Center as reporters or victims.

As a result, Duran contacted Cal Poly Police Investigator Ray Berrett about her discussion with the students.

"It was kind of a miscommunication," Burns said. "They thought we were filing a report against the fraternity."

Berrett notified Judicial Affairs at the beginning of winter quarter. Within days, Burns and Koscheski received letters in the mail requesting

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## Faculty file suit against fee

By Danielle Samaniego

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three California State University employees are filing a federal lawsuit against the constitutionality of the Fair Share law, which implements a mandatory fee on every faculty member to the union, whether they are a member or not.

David Friedman, a dispatcher at CSU Long Beach; Marion Smith, an instructional services coordinator at CSU Dominguez Hills; and Pat Ames, computer coordinator at CSU Fullerton together filed the suit through the National Right to Work Foundation (NRWF).

According to the foundation's Web site, the right-to-work principle affirms the right of every American to work for a living without being compelled to belong to a union.

State legislation passed the Fair Share bill last year. The law requires all CSU and UC collective bargaining units, including non-union members, to pay a monthly fee regarding union costs through the California State Employee Association.

The lawsuit filed against the CSEA basically comes down to how much notice was given to

employees regarding the fees, according to Brian Caldeira, CSU division administrator through the CSEA. He also said CSU employees were notified roughly 75 days in advance before any money was going to come out of their checks.

Struggles between the NRWF and the CSEA remain constant, said Caldeira.

"The more money (CSEA) spends to file against a lawsuit, the less money we get to file against CSUs for violating employees' rights," Caldeira said.

Caldeira feels that the toils between the two organizations come down to the basics.

"It's a pure class struggle between the workers and the bosses, and they (NRWF) hide behind the 14th Amendment," Caldeira said. "They are anti-union, anti-worker, anti-minimum wage and anti-minority rights."

The NRWF was unable to be reached for comment.

Philip Fetzer, Cal Poly's California Faculty Association chapter president, said the lawsuit doesn't surprise him.

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### OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

## Heading back for the long haul



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**Julia Kensie-Sutton, mother of three, is one of Cal Poly's returning students. Kensie-Sutton is enrolled in the graduate teaching program.**

**Editor's Note:** This is the second in a three-part series about Cal Poly students who tackle certain obstacles to get an education.

By Amy Lovell

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For Julia Kensie-Sutton, returning to school in her late 30s was a task, considering the challenge of raising children while balancing classes and midterms. Now, Kensie-Sutton, a 45-year-old parent of three, is enrolled in Cal Poly's graduate teaching program with hopes of finishing school in a few more years.

Kensie-Sutton began college at University of Southern California when she was 18. A first-generation college student, she felt she had no support system at the school and soon left. After stints at community colleges, she arrived at Cal Poly in

1994 as a social science major.

"Poly was very frustrating for me," Kensie-Sutton said. "It wasn't as easy for me to interact with younger students. A lot of times I felt out of place."

At Cal Poly, approximately 18 percent of the total student population is over the age of 25, said Ronell Harley, vice-president of the Re-Entry Club. There are 3,000 re-entry students on campus.

The challenges facing re-entry students are not academic as much as they are juggling non-academic responsibilities with university coursework, said Jeannine Dipasquale, coordinator of Student Support Services (SSS).

"People who come back to school usually have full-time jobs," Dipasquale said. "(They have) spouses and children who rely

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on them for certain things."

Another challenge re-entry students face is finding support for what they're trying to achieve. Many students find that significant others, even when initially supportive, begin to resent the student's growth.

"Men find it difficult to accept that the woman is bettering herself for the family's sake," Dipasquale said. "They think she's bettering herself to be better than him."

Dipasquale described a friend's situation in which the woman's four-year marriage ended when she received her degree and landed a cushy job in San Diego, making twice what her husband did in the military.

"Re-entry students are usually making great personal sacrifices to be here," Dipasquale said, "either on the job or in relationships with family and friends."

Speech communication junior Cristina Gurchinoff, who is in her mid-50s, said, "I would hope that students wouldn't let family and friends stop them from completing their degree. It's the best thing a person can do for themselves."

Gurchinoff now interns in the Student Life department and is working with re-entry students. She's also president of the Re-Entry Club, which meets the first Tuesday and last Thursday of each month. Due to the varied commitments re-entry students deal with, it is hard to start clubs among them. But Gurchinoff

and Dipasquale both feel that a supportive environment is crucial for re-entry students.

Gurchinoff is trying to put together a proposal for funding so the Re-entry Club can hold events. She said the key to getting re-entry students excited about something is to offer them a chance to be part of something valuable.

"Re-entry students are so busy," Gurchinoff said. "They don't need a club to sit and talk. They want to do something useful."

Gurchinoff also said that most services and events held on campus don't seem to apply to her. She hopes to offer students a re-entry reception the night before Open House in the future.

Some single parents who return to school also face the new Welfare Reform law. It mandates that the head of a household work 32 hours per week in order to receive aid. With this law, students must find time to work jobs that are often not related to their degrees. That's where Student Support Services comes in.

Single parent Kensie-Sutton said Student Support Services let her know what was available to her and how to tap into those resources.

She said attending school has become easier over the years. She now looks forward to working in education as a counselor for high school students planning to go to college. Her advice for other re-entry students is simple: Talk to the right person for information.

"Networking is very important," she said. "Learn different techniques and how to network with professors."

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them to attend a meeting with Judicial Affairs.

"When I received the letter, I sort of jumped the gun," Burns said. "I was really angry."

The six-minute Rohypnol segment aired Dec. 22 and detailed the stories of three female students, including Koscheski. She interviewed the two other victims and the president of Sigma Chi. Koscheski presented an information piece on the drug.

"We never pointed fingers and said this (fraternity) did it; we just told of the night when these events allegedly occurred," Burns said. "I thought I was doing the school a favor by doing an informational health piece — how to avoid Rohypnol, what it is, what happens when you get drugged, what you do after you take it

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**Julie Burns**  
journalism senior

and how to be safe."

Burns said that Koscheski and the other two students never approached police with their stories because they didn't have enough information to incriminate anyone.

She said the meeting was held in part to investigate the matter further and possibly site the fraternity. Burns said the girls were not willing to release any information.

"The way I look at it is if we didn't do the piece in the first place, these girls wouldn't have talked at all and no one would have known anything," Burns said.

Burns said Judicial Affairs also had concerns about how Burns presented herself in the interview at the Women's Center — as a victim or a reporter.

Koscheski declined to comment on the matter.

Burns said Judicial Affairs is looking out for the safety of the students and is not going to take any further steps.

"We feel that we did our jobs as journalists and Cal Poly students, and I think we really got the message out about Rohypnol that would never have been sent."

## FAIR SHARE

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"There are organizations and individuals who don't believe in collective bargaining and unions," Fetzer said, but he added, "We expect to prevail. It's been well established that the Fair Share law is legal."

Sally Anderson, local chapter president for CSEA, said most people are unaware of what the Fair Share fees are.

On Dec. 17 of last year, a Fair

Share fees meeting was held on campus for the faculty, union members and non-members. An estimated 30 to 40 staff members were present to learn exactly what the law was and how it applied to them.

Caldeira said the average fee of a voluntary union member is an estimated \$30 a month. Of that fee, 91 percent goes to the CSEA for various union-related costs. He added that those who object to the union fees only pay 61 percent of the dues, which total around \$18 a month.

Anderson has been working with

CSU faculty, including Cal Poly faculty, and feels that progression is being made as far as union memberships.

"We've had more people throughout the (CSU) system joining the union," Anderson said. "Most of the reaction I've had has been very positive."

For more information pertaining to the Fair Share law or any other union questions, CSEA is offering a hotline, 877-330-0505, Monday through Thursday, from now until Feb. 3.

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## Poly welcomes new robots

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The industrial and manufacturing engineering (IME) department is welcoming a unique addition. The state-of-the-art equipment isn't your average production tool; it's a robot.

Don't be fooled. The \$38,000 piece of machinery does not look like a character out of Star Wars nor does it talk. Instead, it is used by students in automation of industry systems class to create a manufacturing environment, said Sema Alptekin, professor and chairwoman of the IME department.

"The robot is an actual simulation," she explained. "It delivers something to you like a circuit board, or whatever product that you're producing."

Ten students in IME 416 are organized into five groups, one of which is the operation of the robot, said Ryan Connolly, an IME senior and one of the students assigned to the robot.

Essentially, the robot is a real component in the virtual factory that the students are creating,

Connolly said. It allows students to make a real-life simulation, rather than imitating it on computers.

"The advantage of the robot is that it gives us real-world applications for our programming languages," he said.

The robot allows the students to use their skills in an environment similar to one that they will face in the engineering industry, Alptekin said.

Before the September arrival of the new equipment, IME students were using an out-of-date robot that did not boast the accuracy and the quickness that this one does, Alptekin said.

Previously, the robot was similar to a giant arm, picking the product up and moving it from place to place, she explained. This process was tedious because students would have to wait for the machine to finish one task before it began another.

Now, the robot can be programmed to complete many jobs at once, increasing the efficiency in the work room, Connolly said.

A new wave of technology comes with a few problems. Connolly said

that since the robot is on a network, learning how to deal with that network has become one of their biggest challenges.

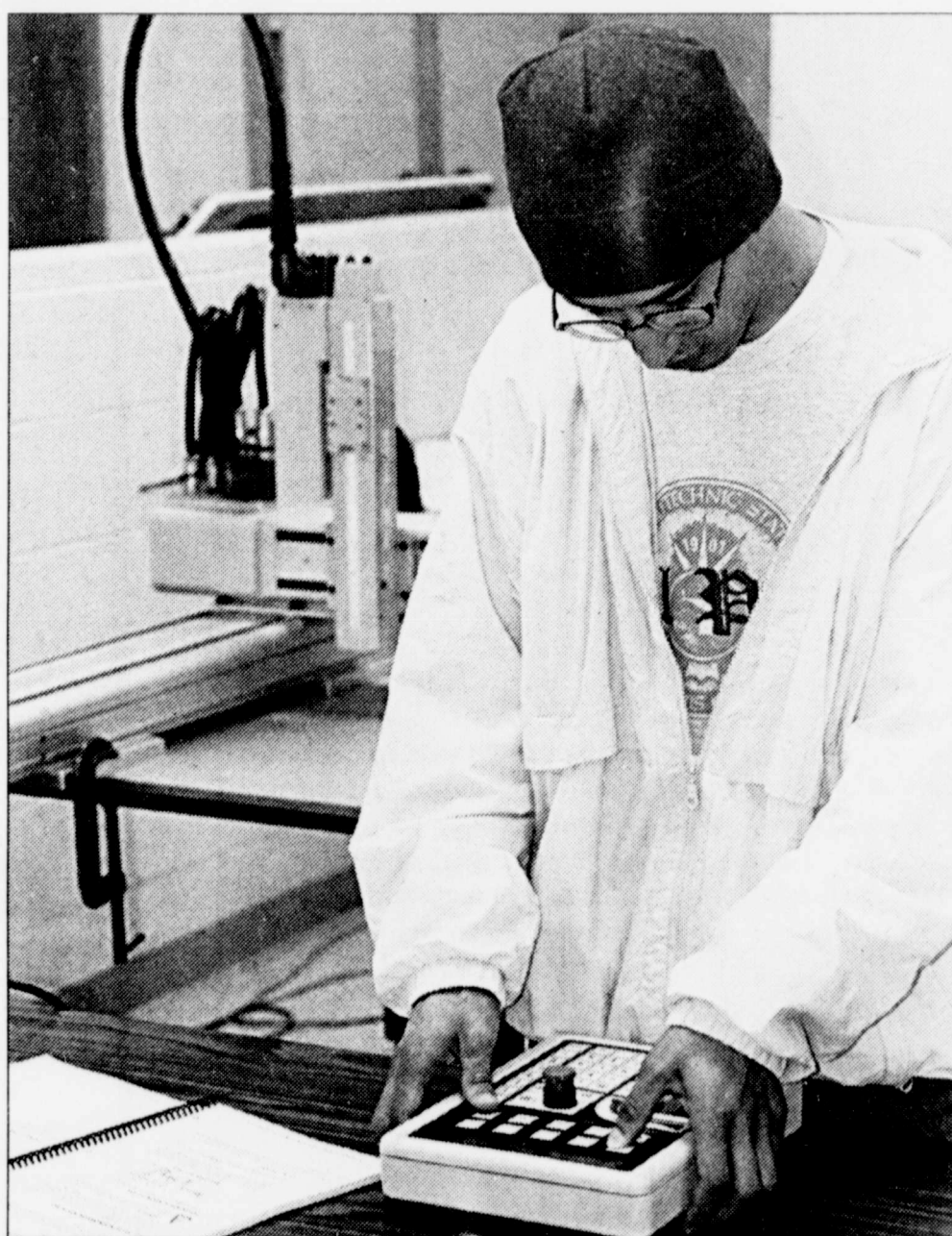
There are no classes instructing students on how to program machinery as advanced as the robot, so students are teaching themselves how to operate it, Connolly said.

Alptekin said the robot is part of a changing process occurring in the IME workroom. The department recently received \$8,000 for their virtual computer labs, inspiring them to upgrade their equipment.

Part of the cost of the new robot was financed by the Cal Poly Plan, an initiative that allotted more money to each of the colleges on campus.

The IME department is concentrating on improving its machinery to help students like Connolly prepare for jobs in their field.

"The graduating seniors might be working in the industry with engineers and they will deal with other types of robots," Alptekin said. "This is a good experience for them."



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Richard Block works with one of the new robots in the industrial and manufacturing engineering department.

## Internet brings exotic places closer to home

I woke up this morning and thought to myself, "I wonder what's going on in Kuala Lumpur today?"

**Nanette  
Pietroforte**

Finding out was easier than saving up my hard earned pennies, getting a passport, packing appropriately, finding a ride to the airport or picking out souvenirs for all my family and friends.

Instead, I surfed the Web and saw

a live picture of Kuala Lumpur through the lens of a webcam.

By taking a trip on my computer to [dovenet.au/~punky/world.html](http://dovenet.au/~punky/world.html), I was able to travel to Hawaii, the South Pole, Panama Canal, Guam and Israel without ever dealing with customs at an airport. This site includes a map of the world with red dots indicating links to lots of locations with live webcams.

Another fun site with dozens of webcam links to exotic locations is [www.camscape.com](http://www.camscape.com). With one

click on this site, you can see the pandas at the San Diego Zoo ([www.sandiegozoo.org/special/pandas/pandacam](http://www.sandiegozoo.org/special/pandas/pandacam)) or Big Ben in London.

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Some webmasters are taking this webcam trend closer to home by installing cams in their very own homes, including their living rooms, bathrooms and bedrooms.

A few personal webcams have corporate sponsors like [www.dotcomguy.com](http://www.dotcomguy.com) while others gather support by charging a membership fee. Some sites ([www.jennicam.com](http://www.jennicam.com), [www.anacam.com](http://www.anacam.com), [www.charity.com](http://www.charity.com)) allow a free view into their living rooms and other parts of their life, but offer more features for a fee ranging from \$15 a month and up.

In addition to the live content a lot of the personal sites contain archived shots from the webcam, a personal journal written by the webcam star and sometimes even a sample of their personal artwork or poetry.

For those who enjoy being watched rather than doing the watching, [www.webcamworld.com](http://www.webcamworld.com) offers all the information any budding webmaster would need to create their very own webcam site. This site includes instructions on how to put together a webcam site with various possibilities of computer software and hardware.

Using webcams is also a fun way to keep in touch with friends and family who live on the other side of the world, state or even street. Just make sure you know who you're sending it to. (Remember that scene from American Pie?)

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## Above all else, look at politics for yourself

Although I typically refrain from commenting on fellow columnists' articles, I have noticed a few particular opinions being thrown into the pages of the Mustang Daily that I simply can't ignore. If there is one thing I cherish in this great country, it's that we all have the right to say and do whatever we feel like. Or do we? Sometimes we need to think before we say or do something that is inaccurate or paints an incorrect portrayal of something or someone. Read on and don't worry, this isn't a morality lecture.

Case in point: A fellow columnist on the Mustang Daily seems to be fond of Democrat/liberal bashing.



**Eddie  
Drake**

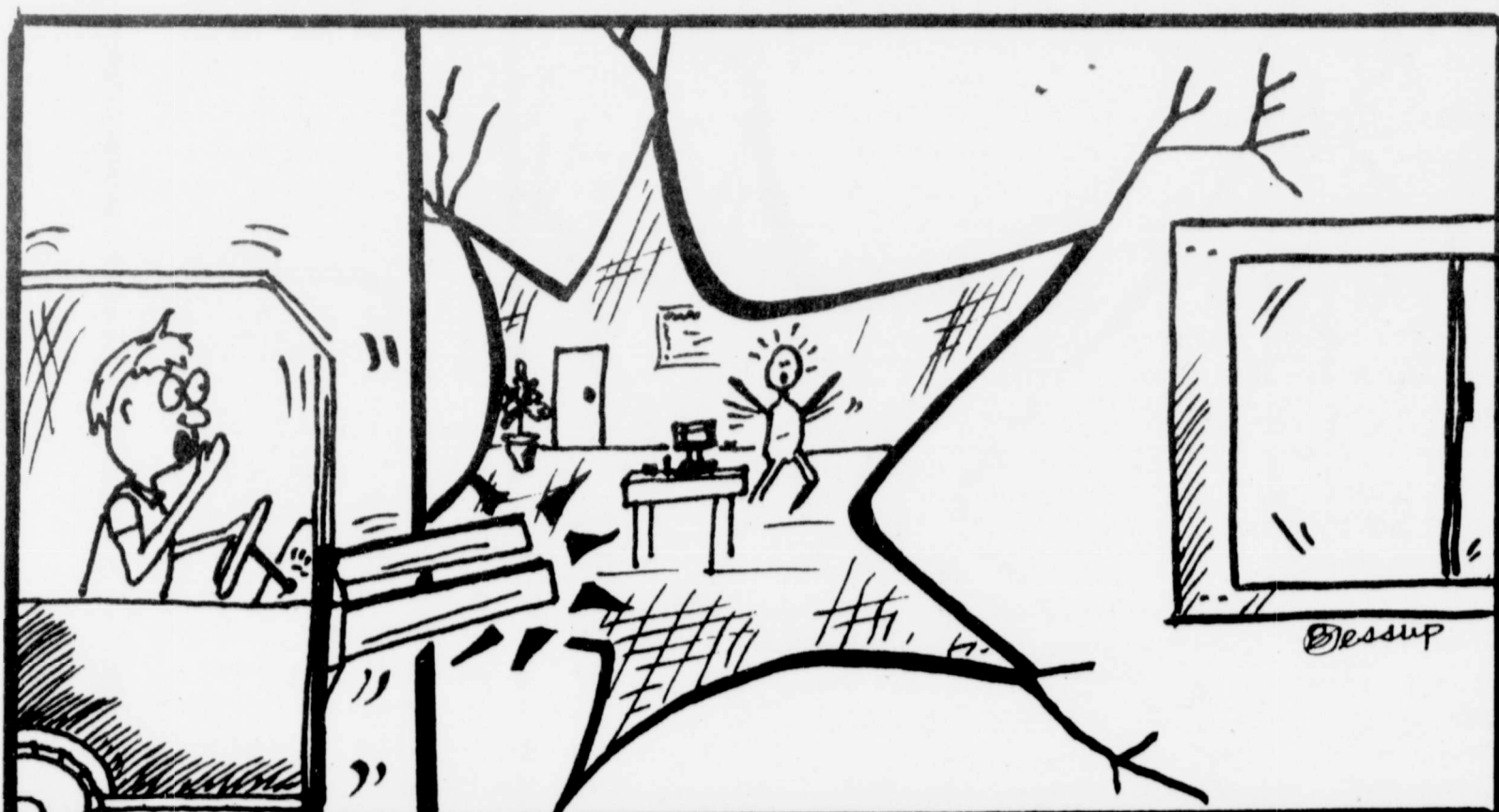
Hey, more power to you, Mr. Simon — it is your privilege, but at least get your right-wing rhetoric correct. I would suggest consulting the vice president of Associates Students Inc. for some talking points on your party's ideologies. Anyway, as a proud liberal and a member of the party that brought this country out of a crippling recession handed down by certain pre-Clinton presidential administrations, I would like to clear up just a few things about us liberals.

In "Local politics is where voting really begins" (Jan. 20), Mr. Simon cited a quote some liberals apparently made on how we don't care about student involvement. To quote his citation, "Liberals have argued that students should not be involved locally because we are out of here in four years and this really isn't our town anyway." Get it straight: The Democratic Party is anything but apathetic about young people voting here in town. If anything, the Democratic Party is in dire NEED of student participation in local politics. Local Democratic candidates typically run grassroots campaigns (the current David Blakely county supervisor campaign) that reach out to as many students as possible. Because of a higher calling to the everyday citizen, local Democrats typically do not have the corporate connections and campaign war-chests most local Republican candidates proudly possess.

Mr. Simon then moves on to a new area he knows even less about: urban development downtown. To quote him, "(Liberals) make it sound as though there is not going to be 1 acre left for recreation or any greenery to look at (with industrial development)." OK, after I wiped the tears of laughter at this obviously homemade quote, I came up with this idea. Let's get rid of beautiful historic San Luis Obispo and all of the mom and pop shops that have thrived for 50-plus years and replace them with a one-stop shop like Costco. Hey, anything for corporate America, right? It's just business, not personal, right? Wrong, my friends, it is personal — all too personal.

My fellow students, please don't be fooled. Real grassroots campaigns are sprouting up all over campus, and if there is one thing (and I am sure there is only one thing) Mr. Simon and I agree on, it is to get out there and participate in the political process. March 7 is the County Board of Supervisors election, and student committees supporting different candidates are being formed rapidly. Anyone interested in joining and helping to spread the word on voting is welcome to attend upcoming events. Even you, Mr. Simon, might learn a thing or two about honest and true politics.

Eddie Drake is a political science junior.



THE NEW FORKLIFT-INSTALLED "AIRCONDITIONING" IN THE FOUNDATION BUILDING LEFT SOME EMPLOYEES SKEPTICAL ABOUT ON-CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION.

## DotComGuy experiments with living

What is it about a dawning of a new century that causes individuals to lose themselves to maddening ideas and stunts? The world has seen a man jump the Grand Canyon by motorcycle (Robbie Knievel in August). We have watched a man bury himself alive for seven days and nights (street magician David Blaine). Society has witnessed

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seven strangers, picked to live in a loft and found out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real (in the one MTV show that will never end).

One could only ask, what next? Consider (drum roll, please), for your viewing pleasures, letting the Internet introduce you to DotComGuy. Ta-dah! Yes, that's right folks, a young fellow by the name of Mitch Maddox, who legally changed his name to DotComGuy, has now confined himself, as of Jan. 1, to his Dallas home location. He will live solely off the Internet for one year.

He will not leave his "DotCompound" until noon of Jan. 1, 2001, in order to prove that man needs little more than a roof over his head, a computer and a credit card to survive (as well as several sponsors and businesses to foot the bill for the location, power supply, 26 indoor camera sources, exercise equipment ...).

Though this concept is indeed enticing, many fail to recognize the fact that DotComGuy's endeavor could very well be the downfall of man as we know it. Imagine, if you will, never having to leave your house. Everything from groceries to cleaning services to CDs to clothes could

be delivered directly to your doorstep. You can even start your own business online. DotComGuy is doing exactly that.

Of course there is a Web site, [www.dotcomguy.com](http://www.dotcomguy.com), with 24-7 live coverage, so you can watch DotComGuy eat and play on the computer (oh, the things people view these days ...). The founders of the site received more visitors than they could handle, and so the chat room has temporarily been put on hold as a result of too much profanity floating through the 'Net waves. E-mails are also jammed; the site receives thousands daily.

And so, while DotComGuy might be The Messiah of his e-commerce followers, he also raises certain ethical questions. What does it say about the power of the Internet when a man can live without actually living? There is a specific name for people with such issues — they're called agoraphobic. But what can society offer a person that the Internet can't?

Well, allow me to retort.

How can daily workouts (as preset for DotComGuy three times a day) based on videos and indoor equipment compare to an invigorating jog in the open air, hazy sun splashing on your exposed arms and calves.

Would an "insta-party" of pals over at the pad hold a candle to a spring night of stars, friends and cheap liquor while trouncing through city streets?

Does surround-sound and television closeups while viewing a televised game do justice to an afternoon double-header of baseball, complete with hot dogs, great crowds and organ music? You can't beat the obnoxious guy spilling beer on the back of your neck or "Take me out to the Ball Game" in the seventh-inning stretch.

Can a fine collection of MP3 hits fulfill the actual experiences of summer concerts with lawn seating? You can relax with a picnic basket full of snacks and a blanket full of dead grass from the last show. To enjoy the experience of a concert as opposed to the computer version goes without saying.

I argue that while it is possible for one to live life through the Internet, one cannot experience life through it.

Think "Good Will Hunting" (forgive me, for I have a tendency to think through movie voices at all times). To quote Robin Williams, "Michelangelo — you know a lot about him — but I bet you can't tell me what it smells like in the Sistine Chapel. You've never actually stood there and looked up at that beautiful ceiling."

My sentiments exactly.

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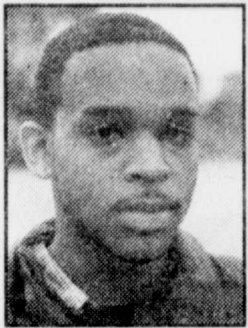
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"What kind of ass? We got ass everywhere."



## What's your favorite rainy day activity?



◀ "Writing poetry."

**Allan Dover**  
mechanical engineering  
junior



◀ "Watching TV under a blanket in a warm house."

**Shalilah Reynolds**  
computer engineering  
sophomore



◀ "Dirt bike riding because it's nice and muddy."

**Kaycee Roeser**  
math  
freshman



◀ "Spend time in the word of God."

**Jeff Fisher**  
computer engineering  
junior



◀ "Taking a nap, which consists of being indoors."

**Daniel Bastiao**  
architectural engineering  
senior



◀ "Eat ice cream and run and jump in puddles."

**Anna Inns**  
nutritional science  
freshman

## Letters to the editor

### Take responsibility for actions Editor,

I have to say that Allen Vaughn's letter ("Abortion saves some children from misery," Jan. 24) was shocking in its selfish statement and immature reasoning. To say that abortion is morally acceptable because "children who grow up in a situation where an abortion might have been performed, had it been available, generally do not grow up with the same opportunities as others" is ludicrous.

Who do you think you are, Allen? God? Who are you to say that you know what the future holds for "unwanted" children? Who are you to judge the validity of their lives? What stops you from proposing that we kill off all unwanted, impoverished or orphaned children even after they've been born? They are just a

burden to humanity, right? Wouldn't we be saving them from years of suffering?

By your reasoning, Mr. Vaughn, I'll take it that your biological mother would have been doing a noble service to herself and the world if she had aborted you. I'm sorry, but I disagree.

If you are so concerned with overpopulation, unwanted children who are disadvantaged and college students who drop out because they are parents-to-be, why don't you go to the root of the problem? Stop justifying the killing of innocent lives as a remedy for your mistakes. It's time people start taking responsibility for their actions. In case you've forgotten, sex is a want, NOT a need. Sex makes babies, whether the parents intend it or not. If you're not ready to be a parent, don't have sex. Because you're right, Mr. Vaughn — mistakes happen.

Oh, and just for the record, people who

"whine" about the sanctity of life are not "the same" people who bomb abortion clinics. That's as ridiculous as trying to say that all adopted/orphaned children lead extraneous, underprivileged lives.

Frank Welch is a biochemistry freshman.

### Examine abortion arguments Editor,

Dylan Gonsalves spends the bulk of his letter making personal attacks on Carolyn Ficara and her pro-choice stance, rather than presenting valid arguments for his cause. Firstly, the claim that "the end never justifies the means" is absolutely ridiculous. The end almost always justifies the means. After all, why are we all in college? The end (graduating, getting a job) justifies the means (\$15,000-plus per year and a hell of a lot of work). The only possible exception is that of life.

Dylan, you also ask during what time period a

fetus becomes a baby, and then answer a different question in an attempt to cloud the issue. Your argument says that for any point in time, you could simply go back a day. Well, a point in time is NOT a period of time. Your argument is absolutely right, but completely irrelevant. It is valid to say that a fetus becomes a baby DURING the second trimester, and to not allow abortions after that. Nice try.

And you beg to differ with the claim that "we must trust the decision a woman makes." I suppose you, a man, would make a much better decision for a woman than she would ever be able to in regards to what happens to her body. That's pretty sexist, chauvinistic and arrogant. A country run primarily (and unjustly) by old, white males has no place to tell women what they can and can't do with their bodies. And that last paragraph you wrote about "Cal Poly intellectuals" needing to use sound reasoning and logic? Read it.

Allen Vaughn is an engineering junior.

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## 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 26, 2000 Meeting #00-09  
5:10 PM - University Union 220

### Highlights

Mid-year Budget Report

- Resolution #00-02: ASI Stance on the C- Prerequisite Grading Policy
- Resolution #00-03: ASI Stance on the Robert E. Kennedy Collections
- Resolution #00-04: ASI Stance on the Printing Fee Proposal
- Resolution #00-05: A Second Resolution on ASI's Stance on the Printing Fee Proposal

(Items on this agenda are subject to change without notice. For any updates check out the Board of Directors Agenda on the web at: [asi.calpoly.edu](http://asi.calpoly.edu))

## 2 ASI NEWS

- **Laser Printing Fee Proposal:** The University is proposing to replace all printers on campus in the coming months with new laser printers. These printers would be outfitted with a device to swipe your student body card through. It is proposed that each page of laser printing would cost the students 10 cents for black and white and 25 cents for color printing. The money would come from a students campus express account which is either already on the student body ID card or can be put on the card by the new One Card office in the Lighthouse cafeteria lobby. The ASI Board of Directors is currently discussing how to handle this proposal/issue.
- **Last year the Academic Senate passed legislation that makes it possible for teachers to require a student to attain a C- in a class to be able to take the next class in the series.** In effect, this means the grade 'D', in classes that are necessary prerequisites for other classes, is not a passing grade. ASI currently has a resolution recommending to the President, Dr. Baker, that this 'C- Prerequisite' policy be overturned and the grade of 'D' be reinstated as a passing grade for such prerequisite courses.
- **Academic Senate Committee Openings:**  
Faculty Awards Committee-One student representative of junior standing or higher with a GPA of 3.0 or better. This student is needed ASAP to sit in on nominees for the Distinguished Teacher Award, and evaluate their performance. Great for those entering the education field, or anyone else who wants to make an impact.  
Instruction Committee-One student representative to attend bi-monthly meetings, usually Monday 12-1 or 1-2. This committee deals with issues concerning grading, admissions, and electronic teaching techniques, great for those entering the education field. Anyone can apply.  
Library Committee-Four student representatives are needed, 2 graduate level and 2 undergraduate level. Must have 2.5 GPA or better and have attended 2 of the last 3 quarters at Cal Poly. The duties of the committee include: actively monitor

## 4 ASI EVENTS

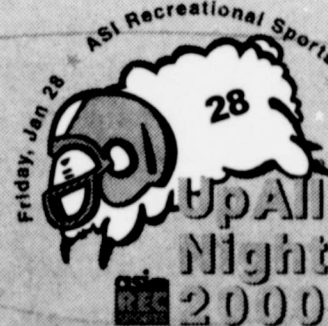
In observance of "Black History Month", ASI EVENTS is presenting, live in concert DAKOTA MOON. The concert, co-sponsored with Black Commencement, will be a benefit concert to raise funds for Black Commencement. Don't miss "Dakota Moon", February 3, 2000, Cal Poly Chumash Auditorium, doors open at 7pm, show at 7:30pm. \$3.00 for Cal Poly students, \$5.00 general admission.

From the first guitar strum on Dakota Moon's "Another Day goes By", the song best exhibits the groups compelling presence, to the rousing chorus that recalls one part Doobie Brothers/one part Eric Clapton. With a celebrated kickoff appearance on the Rosie O'Donnell Show in 1998, a tone was set for the group's ascent on the pop world. Since then it's been a rollercoastal ride, with Dakota Moon topping the charts in territories such as Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium to name a few. Here in the states, their smash single, "A Promise I Make" remained in R&B Magazine's Top 10 for an incredible 7-plus weeks.

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## RECREATIONAL SPORTS

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## POLY ESCAPES

The first annual "KAVU DAY, Festival of Outdoor Films" is coming to Chumash Auditorium on February 15 at 7:00 PM and at 10:00 PM. If you like adrenaline packed maximum adventure films on the big screen then don't miss this show! Four films will be aired:

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- "Twitch" Extreme kayaking in WA, MT, Canada and Mexico.
- "The Realm" The latest ski film by Teton Gravity Research.
- "Shift" Mountain bike madness on the edge of being insane.

This is a premiere 2 hour event. Pre-Sale tickets are \$4 for students and \$6 for all others on sale in the Escape Route (UU112) from 9:00-5:00 PM M-F. The night of the show all tickets will be an additional dollar. Call 756-1287 for ticket information.

## 2, ASI News cont.

campus concerns about library, work with the Dean of the Library in developing policy, and advise and consult with the University Administration about the state of the Library's resources. Program Review and Improvement Committee-One student representative with junior standing and a 3.0 GPA or better. This committee completes an annual review of programs at Cal Poly, and then makes recommendations concerning the programs. These committees are a great way to meet and work with faculty, to boost your resume, and to make a difference on campus! If interested please contact Andrew Hunt at [aghunt@calpoly.edu](mailto:aghunt@calpoly.edu) or 756-1291.

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**ASI/UU Programs & Services Committee Meetings** are held Thursdays 5:00 p.m. in UU220.

**College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings** are held every Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. in Dexter-Fireplace Room.

**College of Business Council Meetings** are held every other Tuesday, beginning 1/11/00, 8:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 113.

**College of Agriculture Council Meetings** are held every Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. in UU220.

**College of Engineering Council Meetings** are held every Monday, 6:00 p.m. in UU220.

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**College of Science and Math Council Meetings** are held every Monday, 7:00 p.m. in UU219.



## Fired Green Bay coaches find new home in Minnesota

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Welcome to Lambeau Field West, where Ron Wolf's rejects have turned into Dennis Green's reclamations.

The Minnesota Vikings added three more of Green Bay's fired assistants to their coaching staff Tuesday, including defensive coordinator Emmitt Thomas, a day after Sherman Lewis was brought in to run the offense.

Former Packers receivers coach Charlie Baggett also joined Green's staff and Thomas brought along Chuck Knox Jr., who will provide computer analysis.

Lewis and Thomas were fired along with the rest of the Packers' staff on Jan. 3 after Green Bay went 8-8 in Ray Rhodes' only season as coach.

"We all kind of know each other," Thomas said. "It makes for a smoother transition."

Also on Tuesday, Vikings general manager Tim Connolly resigned effective Feb. 1 after 15 months on the job. He lost a power struggle with Green last spring that limited his duties to overseeing the Vikings' push for a new stadium.

"If I have one regret, it's that we didn't make more progress on the stadium front and hopefully that issue will be resolved in the near

future," Connolly said.

The staff shakeup, known locally as the "Purple Purge," began last week when Green, smarting from an underwhelming 11-7 season that once again ended shy of the Super Bowl, fired inside linebackers coach Tom Olivadotti without informing defensive coordinator Foge Fazio.

Fazio resigned a few days later to take a job as linebackers coach in Washington.

On Monday, Doug Atkins was fired as tight ends coach and Ray Sherman quit rather than accept a demotion from offensive coordinator to receivers coach after Hubbard Alexander was moved to a front-office job.

Lewis inherited an offense that ranked third in the NFL, but Thomas takes over a defense that owned the league's second-worst pass defense and used a rookie, a second-year player and a converted receiver in the secondary.

Thomas said Freddie Solomon will stay on as defensive backs coach and won't be moved to a front-office job as many had speculated.

Thomas said he didn't disagree with his firing in Green Bay.

"We didn't get the job done and when you're in the W-and-L busi-

ness, you've got to win," Thomas said. "A lot of people are talking about 'You should have gotten another year,' but there are no guarantees in life and in this profession.

"And to be given an opportunity to come to a team that has a record of winning ... I feel very excited about it."

Thomas and Lewis said they were too busy making the transition to think about playing NFC rival Green Bay, where they were part of the first triumvirate of black coaches in NFL history.

"I had eight great years there," Lewis said. "I wish it had ended better, but I have great memories of Green Bay and every time I walk into that stadium it will be a great feeling. I have no ill feelings toward Green Bay whatsoever."

It's not clear whether the Vikings will replace Connolly because Rob Brzezinski already handles most contract negotiations as director of football administration and consultant Lester Bagley has become a liaison on the stadium issue.

Owner Red McCombs says the Vikings can't stay competitive in the 18-year-old Metrodome and that he's willing to pitch in \$100 million toward a \$400 million replacement.

## BASEBALL

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brought a new level of maturity," Price said.

Senior first baseman Steve Wood will return after leading the team with seven home runs last season. Wood also had 50 hits and 22 RBI.

Senior shortstop Brian Oxley will also return after he turned in 32 hits last season while batting .317.

Price also believes that efforts to balance the grade-level standing of players is improving.

"We want a good turnover from year-to-year," Price said. "In 1997 we won 37 games and we had 13 seniors. That's a lot of players to lose off of one team. It's been a two year process for us, but I think that the guys coming in are very talented."

However, the team lost junior Greg Bochy, one of its most promising transfers, to shoulder surgery. Bochy, a pitcher from Palomar Junior

College in Poway, CA, was 1999 Community College Player of the Year. The J. Carroll Classic will start this Friday at the San Luis Obispo Stadium. Cal Poly will play Centenary on Friday at 3:30 p.m., Utah on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., and Centenary again on Sunday at 11 a.m.

**Ritch Price**  
head coach

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## Baseball swings into action Friday



Senior Steve Wood will be counted on heavily to provide much needed pop in the lineup.

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By Kelly Hendricks  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly baseball team will open up their season this weekend with the J. Carroll Classic tournament. Despite the rain causing recent practices to be canceled, Head Coach Rich Price feels optimistic about this weekend as well as the upcoming season.

"The key to this weekend is going out and keeping the number of walks to under three a game and playing good defense," Price said. "Then I think we'll be in good shape."

According to Price, in the past, the team has lacked a strong depth of pitchers, with the exception of a few outstanding players. But this year he feels the bullpen is the best it has ever been.

"Our biggest question is if we get good pitching," Price said. "We're counting on Josh Morton as one of our returning starting pitchers. We're also starting two sophomores, Jesse Gallup and Kevin Correia, this weekend."

While pitching is one major focus for Price, the team's experience is another.

"The biggest difference in this year's team opposed to last year's is experience," Price said. "We played a lot of young players last year. When you play a lot of young players in the Big West Conference, you're going to have growing pains."

But Price feels the team has grown a lot since last year, especially with the addition of over 10 community-college transfer players.

"The younger players have grown since last year, and the older players coming in have

see **BASEBALL**, page 7

## Judge denies Belichick

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Bill Belichick remained a coach without a team Tuesday as a federal judge denied his request for an order allowing him to seek another NFL coaching job.



**BILL BELICHICK:** Coach without a team.

In a sternly worded ruling, U.S. District Court Judge John W. Bissell said Belichick created the very problems he asked the court to solve for him when he resigned as coach of the

New York Jets one day, after being appointed to succeed Bill Parcells.

His lawyers claimed the NFL is preventing Belichick from making a living the only way he knows, and Bissell acknowledged Belichick's distress at not having a team to coach.

"But who does he have to blame for that?" Bissell asked. "He had a head coaching position with the New York Jets, highly compensated, with the prestige, the title, the exposure, the market and the team that certainly should have provided to him adequate rewards."

"It was he who turned his back on that," Bissell said in denying Belichick's request for a temporary restraining order that would have enabled him to seek coaching opportunities with other NFL teams, notably the New England Patriots. "In large measure, he put himself in this position."

Belichick, angry with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's ruling last week that he cannot coach another team this year without the Jets' permission, sued the league on Monday. His lawyer, Jeffrey Kessler, said the league's coaches have been ordered to "boycott" Belichick in violation of federal antitrust laws.

Tagliabue's ruling applied only to the upcoming 2000 football season and did not address the other two years remaining on the contract Belichick signed with former Jets owner Leon Hess, who died a year ago.

That \$1.4 million contract called for Belichick to become coach upon Parcells' retirement, which occurred Jan. 3.

## Titans remember victory, Rams loss

ATLANTA (AP) — The Tennessee Titans want to remember one game from their special season. They want to recall everything they did right against the St. Louis Rams on Halloween, then repeat it Sunday in the Super Bowl.

The Rams want to remember that game, too. And pull off a reversal of fortunes.

"I think it's going to give both of us a little bit of confidence," said Rams quarterback Kurt Warner, recalling the 24-21 victory in which the Titans built a 21-0 lead and held on. "Obviously, they beat us, so they know they can beat us. And we feel that we could have beaten them had we played a good game."

The Rams were 6-0 heading into their visit to Nashville, where the Titans were coming off a bye. St. Louis already had displayed a powerhouse attack, scoring no fewer than 27 points and winning by no fewer than 17.

The time was ripe for the Titans, who pounced on it. They also pounced on the Rams' mistakes, jumping to a 21-0 first-quarter lead.

Tennessee scored on an 80-yard drive to open the game. Then Warner fumbled when sacked and, one play later, Eddie George ran in from the 17. Two plays later came Warner's second fumble, and McNair's 10-yard run capped the quick onslaught.

Usually, that's how St. Louis (15-3) wins.

"Key turnovers put us in a hole that we were unable to climb out of," Pro Bowl cornerback Todd Lyght said. "We feel we are a quick-start team, and the roles were reversed at Tennessee. They did a good job of converting when they got the ball in our end of the field."

St. Louis rallied within 21-14 as offensive player of the year Marshall Faulk went wild. After Al Del Greco kicked a field goal, the Rams made it 24-21 on Warner's pass to Amp Lee, and the Rams recovered an onside kick.

Jeff Wilkins, who will be limited in practice this week due to a sore knee, missed a 38-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining.

If the Super Bowl has a similar sce-

nario, coming down to the final minutes, will anyone ask for a refund?

"To be up 21 points in the first quarter, that is not something you expect against anybody," Titans tight end Frank Wycheck said. "We'd love to do it again, but ..."

It's hardly realistic. Sure, the scrappy Titans got here with impressive victories over Buffalo, Indianapolis and Jacksonville, the last two on the road. Those three teams were a combined 38-10 this season. In none of those games did the Titans (16-3) break free early — in fact, they trailed in all three.

They're not counting on another first-quarter stampede on Sunday. Or a late-game letdown.

### Sports Trivia

#### Yesterday's Answer:

Lou Gehrig holds the major league record for career grand slams with 23.  
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#### Today's Question:

The St. Louis Cardinals were once known by what famous nickname?



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### Briefs

#### Argentine soccer star smashes journalist's car

HAVANA (AP) — Diego Maradona, apparently angered by constant media coverage during his stay for cocaine rehabilitation, punched and broke a reporter's car window on Tuesday.

Photographers and cameramen say they were trailing Maradona outside a Havana supermarket when he got out of the black Mercedes Benz loaned to him by the Cuban government.

He confronted a Television cameraman and photographer of Reuters and struck the vehicle's window with his hand, shattering the glass. Photographer Heriberto Rodriguez sustained a slight injury to his eye from the broken glass.

Maradona, 39, arrived in Cuba on Jan. 18 to undergo treatment for drug addiction at a medical-oriented hotel on the outskirts of Havana.

Maradona, who has dyed his dark hair a light shade of orange while in Cuba, is accompanied by a large entourage of friends, family and trainers. President Fidel Castro visited Saturday.

### Schedule

#### THURSDAY

- Men's basketball vs. Long Beach State  
• at Long Beach State • 7:35 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. UCSB  
• at UCSB • 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

- Men's basketball vs. Pacific  
• at Pacific • 7 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Nevada  
• at Nevada • 7 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Oregon State  
• in Mott Gym • 7 p.m.